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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Meir Eini et al.) Examiner: M. Haghighatian)
Serial No: 09/653,267) Group Art Unit: 1619)
Filing Date: August 31, 2000)
For: PHARMACEUTICAL AND COSMETIC CARRIER OR COMPOSITION FOR
TOPICAL APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action of December 17, 2002, in which the examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, 26, 29-30, 32-37, 40-41 and 43-51. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. In addition, enclosed herewith please find a copy of the Petition for One-Month extension of time with instructions to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 which was filed in this application on March 19, 2003. Applicants submit that no further extension of time or fee is required. However, if further extensions or fees are required, this paper should be considered a constructive petition for any such extension and authorization to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Claims 1, 26 and 37 are amended as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A solid-free, oleaginous pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier, comprising, by weight, 1-25 percent of a solidifying agent and 75-99 percent of a hydrophobic